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In re the Application of:

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For: USE OF (PER)FLUOROPOLYETHER DERIVATIVES IN THE TREATMENT OF
SUBSTRATA HAVING A LOW SURFACE ENERGY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 4, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-8, and 10-14 as follows. A copy of the marked up original claims is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37 CFR 1.121.

3. (Amended) Use according to claim 1, wherein in structure (II) the other end group is of T-O- type, wherein T is a (per)fluoroalkyl group selected from: -CF₃, -C₂F₅,